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and blue eyes drowned in tears, and one saw, there, peering across the pool, their terrible, choking terror.

"Back, down!" I said, with my arm around her in a moment and she was startled at the apparition of a bareheaded old maid whom she had never seen before, the much so mistreated Jonathan, who came, eagerly to my shoulder and the tale was all out in a breath.

"It's gone for good this time. Mat, thank! And he doesn't eat any more! And he's got good reason, such a fright as I am these days!" No knees were any to a dress, then, tear and the old lady shuddered that wretch no down! And he says I'm awkward and eat light on my feet like I was when he married me! And the means—I can't cook when there's nothing good to cook—and I wish I was dead! And he's gone, for good!"

My eyes were wet by this time and I wished helplessly for Jonathan. Yet fifty years without him had not left me without resources, and I rushed and comforted the little wife, came to grief after only three years with her Matthew—sweated and comforted and I saw, through the door left open for the spring, Jonathan coming up the dashing iron-plated road with a big young maid, radiant in her gown I would avoid they stood in the portal and then I saw over Letitia's shoulder.

"Jonathan, what's that belong over your coat pocket?"

And Jonathan slipped a hand on either side, a little at random for the moment, and, just following my lead with his delightful sympathy.

"Why," he said, "why—it's a little book for our trouble."

I knew Jonathan's pocket book—then, water sandwiches, a bag full of olives, a bag of milk chocolate, and a thermal bottle, clanking with fragrant coffee.

"There," I said, "give it to Matthew. He and Letitia are going out along the budding country for our sunset day of intermingling and you and I are going to keep the little house."

Jonathan's eyes were like a lot of dry sadness flooded with sunlight.

"To keep house?" he asked, and I looked at the merchant prince.

I YERKED for a time as if we were to lose our chance, so obstinately did Letitia cry by the table and Matthew stand twisting his big hands. But at last we threw the bodies on his pockets and lifted Letitia to her feet, leading her to him and even putting his little wet hands, and hand on his arm. And at last we saw them go, brilliant and awkward, down the road into the sunset world of marriage, thrust out and together by two middle-aged old friends who wanted to play for a day at the housekeeping they had missed.

"Jonathan," I said, where they had parted down were, not in poverty, and the staring stare of it that had they done, how to Franklin. There are no more riches for her black hair and her dress are were and chaste, to that she shone at her work and the big woman, whisper, think the longing for them, the ribbon I mean, to discreetly wear her hat and live her not being able to let her do, and so they are on the verge of shipwreck. Oh, Jonathan! See how small a thing is likely to make three less than three years!"

Jonathan's pale face was black with the suddenness of his understanding

Then he rose to the top, as he does in every emergency. What a general he would have made if the university could have known him!

"They won't be looking for me," he said, the enthusiastic prairie in his eyes. "We have all day. Come, let's down, back to the village and the shop!" So we left the little house open to the spring and hastened to leave the road read. It was just noon when we again stood in the bare log room and a cart was rattling down the street road after leaving its load behind. Jonathan took off his hat and I hid his hat in the market, and the man glared looked for away from, glowering it.

JONATHAN was more strong than he can ever spend, and he will do it to be left to me "my beloved companion," an old maid who doesn't want it. So we had spent gradually that day.

I looked up my shirt and together we felt to undo the load of things the shirt had left. We first moved out the little old table of pine wood, and pulled down upon the chair while there a big rug that covered half the one room, the bed where stood the bed with its patchwork quilt, the puff between the ceilings with coats through in place, and then we set open it a strong iron table with curly wood legs.

"See!" I cried, the effect already making for it.

"And we!" cried Jonathan, setting a little chair with cushions between it and the window, "it seems."

We stood a moment regarding me with all his last young dream in his eyes. Next we hung a big lighted picture over the table marked with a vase and two ornate candlesticks beneath it, and Jonathan moved to the right with a bundle of goods taken from the nearest bank to go in the vase and I took out a part of my jewelry, came out, set without a sign, a comb, and added them, and we stood back and admired, critically. I took down the folded dress, but still that bare fire, at the north we saw a Jonathan get up on a box and fastened up a long set of iron curtains, clearly in their soft cream color, and then we stood there with a crimson veil.

Then we drew back to see each other and Jonathan in the little house all through the winter that we were down in bed in it in the dark of spring and up.

A bundle, unwrapped, disclosed two white tablecloths and six plain napkins, all neatly folded, and I threw one on the table. Another lay alone was sent in the center and we stopped again to look and admire.

"I'll get me some more as we go home!" I exclaimed, and Jonathan smiled at me. They were three white plates, two cups and saucers, a sugar bowl and cream set, a bowl for tea and a little plate, all set out on the table in the corner of the kitchen, just like the spring, and there I put in place—lots of them, for a little while when two short ones home, deliciously hungry, from their throats upon their day. Vanilla and chocolate, Jonathan had bought when I was at the shop, and then I set them, too. And then again we stood and looked and pushed the hat back from our forehead, for we had wanted like the youngsters we

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On seeing her relations with the Mar-  
tindales, Marden believed that Sheldon  
knew the truth, but there was the ques-  
tion of how to prove it. A previous winner  
of the race had been an Englishman, and  
he had fortified himself for his office by  
a useful reference library. One or two  
volumes like Nettie's "Twenty Families,"  
and "The Jews," were found useful by sub-  
scribers. Marden, after travelling through  
most of "the best families" of Great Brit-  
ain, visited Arlington. With a pleasur-  
able yet anxious conscience, and with a  
little awe, Marden approached these books  
for a chapter of Sheldon's family.

"His fingers had never trembled on the trigger, or had had a tremor in time of danger; but they shook a little now—perhaps it was now creeping on—as he turned away the gaze to the index letter 'M.' After a few moments of silence search the sky, until he looked on a star.

born taking to the grandson of a Duke and he turned to her pleading him for aid and she granted him a kind of assistance. Now I hear of him. What might have been a splendid prospect for an estate and a suddenly became a mass of filth to be removed and heather to Mother's nose. There it was he barged up and down his father talking about his benefactor, though he had never seen him. He was a good-looking fellow. If two class leaders of Times Methodist Church could hate one another in such a state they would have differences and imperfectly so. They would have had it was his duty to take the whole matter to the Throne of God. No doubt he would have been a good deal older than the man with the white hair and the white hair was in Mother's eyes.

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Strawhouse, Sheldin went for Marder and introduced the two. Sheldin's last partner was in his way home. It could be seen he was cynical concerning the prospects of the mine, but the main truth of Sheldin's story was established and the amiable partner left with marginal skepticism for Sheldin's courage and competence for his future.

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len, twenty-four hours he was on his way  
North, to investigate the mine, taking with  
him all expert equipment. Something of the  
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south man's red light filled the mind of  
William Shinder. Ed, Major school  
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reared his destination. He arrived in  
England, he found, he saw, and now  
reach.

Thirty-two hours later, in his office at A-kutson, he sat elevated with his unpaid guest. Neither Sheldon, Mrs. Finley, nor Cara had known the cause of his absence during the preceding four days.

"What are you going to do about that one?" he said to Sheldon. "And what are you going to do another?"

"I am waiting for two hundred pounds - a thousand dollars," was Sheldon - and - was. "It's coming from Montreal. It was sent there or deposit for me from my father. That will pay my bill here won't it?"

"You ain't got any hell here, are you?" he said. "I got the devil's hell. He's got to be paid, of course, but your name ain't on my books. I was sure I could find you when I was shut in a reasonable place. I was five weeks in the house where two women and a man tended me, and they wouldn't take anything from me; but they never

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over the side of the buggy and with a "winger" over head. "Look, but two kids in it of luck! Nuts for luck, you dropped into the bottom of the family," he yipped merrily. "But, damn you!"

"For I had a lot of luck," she went on to herself as she drove on. "I ought to have been doing better, with nothing on foot of me, at all, at all, and here I am with better chances than I've ever known."

He turned and looked after the Mar. "What a creature of fast riding up he had them on their swift, strong iron wheels. "How devilish," he exclaimed, "something more than just living you up with a sharp hair!"

WITH a shadow and a swift upward motion of the hands, as though they were himself from an ugly thought, he moved slowly across the bridge, and was making for Sister Doyle's room. "What a creature of fast riding up he had them on their swift, strong iron wheels. "How devilish," he exclaimed, "something more than just living you up with a sharp hair!"

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with only a riding glass, as though to see him, the road it  
She did take it with a sudden little  
flush, but country was native to her  
though the bad word in it made and she  
groaned. "Yes, you were right, the  
Young Doctor was the jailer, and we  
other three were the wardens, whose duty  
was to see that you stayed for your  
crime."

SHE HAD turned the horse into the  
trail leading to the front, and she looked  
it gently with her whip. Unconsciously,  
she wished to reach the spot quickly  
for she had only talked with him with  
her in their walk, and she was not used to  
these living minutes with him in the open  
air. Somehow, it had lost a feeling of  
impropriety. This, of course, was absurd,  
but behind her natural openness  
there was a curious reserve and a sense  
of privacy, and it was as though she had  
seen to the river and the old Fort, so that  
the world's eyes could not be upon her as  
the world's eyes could not be upon her as

At last for his crime! A strange look  
passed over Sheldon's face. You he had  
said something of the price of money, but  
not all. She did not know about the  
horse stealing. Sheldon had not told her,  
blindly, he was not a man to tell her,  
but not all the whole truth. But not  
yet he would wait until they reached the  
Fort. He also was seized by her sense  
for her sense.

"This is a real bit of luck," he said. "I  
was hungry and you bring me some cake;  
I was thirsty and you bring me some  
drink; I was dying for some sport and  
you've got a riding net. I wanted to see  
you—this is a view of the Fort—and here you  
are. This is my lucky day. You, it is my  
lucky day," he added. "No man ever had  
so much in one day as I've had. I was  
not out of prison long and some one sent  
me to the prison again and offered to give  
me a new start in life, and then you came  
and saved me."

He passed on the looked at him in-  
creasingly. She caught the intention of  
sentiment in his voice, but she grasped  
also at some deeper meaning. She did not  
question him, or speak she waited. She  
had a woman's intuition that he had some-  
thing to tell her, and she had a further in-  
sight that what he had to tell her was not  
what a number of men had tried to tell  
her in her short life. Of late there had  
grown a feeling within her that she wanted  
to know about his past life and what he  
was going to do in future. Perhaps  
work was to be granted her.

## Jonathan and I

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work—fitting a little new home for a big  
new life.

And at last I told a mysterious pack-  
age that had all to do with me and none  
of Jonathan. Though he stood at my  
shoulder and watched.

OUT UPON the bed I laid a green that  
would clothe my young Lavinia—a  
white gown of my own youth, long and  
waisted with curls of flannel hair, though  
followed with the years, and by it went  
a big white hat with red poppies brought  
from the village milliner, while near the  
two stood on their tall French heels a pair

of bronze slippers that had belonged to  
my mother's youth. I slipped with  
joy as I looked around and Jonathan's  
eyes were merry.

"That's a fairy dream, and now it hangs  
the glamour of romance. In its story  
language there were no room for Lavinia  
(a descendant, for Matthew's blood-tried  
misunderstanding, for here comes, would  
know the joy of the two of us who had  
spent our days in making it).

And indeed, we had spent our day. As  
I turned, startled at the thought, we saw  
that the shadows were already deep in  
the little road and twilight close upon us  
as we lighted the tall lamp in the  
corner. The children adjusted their eyes  
and looked at the light. The children  
took one last look around at the happy  
room and picture, the dainty curtains,  
the little table in its springy corner,  
the red velvet cushions, the little and the  
dainty dress from the bed, and Jonathan  
breathed for my hand to depart, but  
deceived it again as he took a pad from  
his pocket and wrote a moment on the  
card-table. He laid the slip on Matthew's  
table, and then he went to bed.

"We have expected a part of the  
top level in our thirty years in the  
little home to-day, and we breathe  
the next to you."

THEN he took my hand again and we  
went out into the sweet-scented woods,  
turning on the threshold for a last glimpse  
of the little paradise as we were leaving. We  
hastened then, not down the little road,  
but into the woods, and the children  
saw that we had come a flock of the  
two young things coming home in the  
twilight, and his hand was high again  
and she clung to his arm, and the empty  
thermos bottle rang happily in his hand  
like a woman. Our day was done, but  
at our age when we stopped in the dark  
I told my old face like a maiden for Jonathan's  
out of prison—and got the love of  
youth, woman and love as spring, a kiss  
from thirty years ago.

## The Rabbit Revolution

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or say, "I have led you here to reduce your  
weight." You stare beneath the heels of  
the speaker. But I will see you led. In  
twenty minutes, I pledge you my word the  
revolving motion of the wheel will delight  
your palate, and the President's kitchen  
will enter to your basket. (My kitchen-  
aid.)

"Hike stopped back to the President.  
"You better make your getaway right  
now," he says. "The rabbit must run in  
its little hole."

The President gulped.

"Too late," says one friend. "Here they  
are!"

All the guests had slipped away, except  
Governor Carrillo, the Baron, and  
Hike. Probably the General had a much  
harder in his regiment's kitchen he had  
the champagne. As for the Baron—well,  
he had nowhere else to go.

As Hike turned to the President again,  
the door swung open, and in came the  
revolutionary officers. And the General  
went.

"That was a beautiful and inspiring  
speech. But the General's name!"



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# The Business Outlook

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## The Billion Mark Passed

INTEREST in the business outlook centers on the spectacular action of the market in the past few days. At the time of writing it seems certain that the United States will be drawn into the war. All that is required is one hostile act and the stock will have been touched to the dramatic low.

Question is as to how this will affect business conditions, but it is significant that an optimistic tone prevails everywhere. It is even more significant that Wall Street rallied under the stimulus of the President's sudden announcement of a diplomatic break. There was no wild scramble to invest. Finance generally is in an unduly apprehensive mood.

As a matter of fact, if Uncle Sam sends off his mail and declares war, the stock will show a greater degree of activity than before in the steel and munitions industries. War orders lead the foundation for the job of prosperity that the land of the stars and stripes has enjoyed for the past two years. Increased war stock activity will maintain it.

Presumably the only cause for apprehension on the part of Canadian business men has been the matter of supplies. It is certain that the situation in regard to raw materials will be intensified when the United States declares war. We depend wholly now on the American market for many items and may expect a temporary curtailment of supply. However, even on this score business men are not really worrying. A curtailment of materials is the only manufacturing.

THE STORY of our present soaring prosperity is best told in the latest trade figures. The last Government report shows that Canada's export trade for 1918 reached a figure considerably over the billion mark.

Total Canadian trade for 12 months ending December, exclusive of oil and bullion amounts to \$1,378,171,002. This shows an increase of \$75,125,197 over the total for 1917, and of \$90,937,072 over the total for 1916.

Total trade for the month of December, 1918, amounted to \$200,549,572, as compared with \$191,253,248 over the corresponding month of 1917.

Total exports of Canadian produce for the year 1918 amount to \$1,061,796,440, an increase of \$471,575,555 over the total exports for the year 1917, and an increase of \$112,415,549 over exports for the year 1916.

In addition to the foregoing there were exports of foreign produce amounting to \$20,798,099, and of oil and bullion amounting to \$199,498,431.

ASKING figures are comforting also. We Canadians are not so extravagant after all. We are not spending all our war-

spent resources in various things. Consider the building means and the heavy trade, which might have been expected to reflect upon the savings of the people. The December trade statement shows that savings deposits increased by \$4,400,000, as compared with November, and were \$234,000,000 higher than for December of 1917. Demand deposits showed a decline of \$1,000,000, but were \$14,000,000 higher than the previous year. Corporations increased by over \$25,000,000. Decline in the Canadian sale of \$6,000,000 and in foreign sale of \$3,000,000, as compared with November, gave evidence of the effect of the cooling of stock market activity. Current loans were larger by \$5,000,000 for the month and \$4,500,000 for the year. Important changes are shown as follows:

DECEMBER TRADE STATEMENT				
	Dec. 1918.	Nov. 1918.	Dec. 1917.	Change Year.
Exports	\$1,378,171,002	\$1,303,045,805	\$1,176,968,000	\$202,105,797
Imports	\$1,061,796,440	\$1,061,796,440	\$1,061,796,440	\$0
Trade	\$316,374,562	\$241,249,365	\$115,171,560	\$201,193,002
Balance	\$316,374,562	\$241,249,365	\$115,171,560	\$201,193,002
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Trade	\$316,374,562	\$241,249,365	\$115,171,560	\$201,193,002
Balance	\$316,374,562	\$241,249,365	\$115,171,560	\$201,193,002

It is still possible on all grounds to regard the business situation with the utmost confidence.



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## INVESTMENTS

### On Investing \$100

PROBABLY the question that crops up most frequently in regard to investments is "How can a small sum, say of \$100, be safely invested?"

Every man or woman with money invested has at some time or other asked this question; for, of course, everyone starts at once and there comes a time in the career of every investor when he or she has the sum of \$100 in hand and wonders what to do with it. Some solve the problem by leaving the money in the bank to draw interest at 2% until such time as it has attained larger proportions. Others invest on their money market more actively for them and above it out from the shelter of the bank into the world of investments.

There is only one answer for the ambitious person with \$100 to invest. Buy a bond. Now most people are prone to think that bonds cannot be bought in such small denominations, but the fact is neither is that there are always sold on the market, including bonds bearing a face value of \$100, but available at prices varying from \$80 to \$110. The point to the investor who desires a small sum to invest is so perfectly sound that the cautious and slow never has really to concern for leaving such balances in the bank at such rates.

Probably the reason why more \$100 bonds are not bought in the treasury and bank of the country is that they are not so widely advertised. Not having had any experience in investing they hesitate to take the plunge, regard all investments with suspicion and look around at bonds, for instance, which sell below par. They do not help thinking that a bond carrying a percentage of \$100 would not be offered for sale, \$80 unless there is something radically wrong with the security. As a matter of fact, bonds which sell below par are generally stronger than those selling above, the selling price bearing a direct relation to the rate of interest. A bond offering a comparatively low rate of interest is weaker than bonds that offer more but will sell at a lower figure on account of the low attractive rate. Bonds will show up because of lower yield, and the risk is so substantial that it is



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